REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: Psycho: The Snuff Reels

Other Known Titles: Niku Daruma
Tumbling Doll Of Flesh

Format: DVD

Director/Author: Tamakichi Anaru

Producer/Publisher: Not Stated

Country of Origin: Japan

Language: Japanese

Applicant: Comptroller of Customs

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

Date of entry in Register: 30 May 2007

Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

OFLC No: 700620

Unexcised version of publication:

	Components	Running time
Feature:	Psycho: The Snuff Reels	69.45
Other timed components:	Women's Flesh (Trailer)	3.36
Total running time:		73.21

Excisions: No Excisions Recommended

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons
for classification:

The publication entitled *Psycho: The Snuff Reels* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication contains a feature with a running time of nearly 70 minutes. The feature has no discernible plot, and is based purely around the sadistic activities of two killers who film the torture, humiliation and mutilation of a woman. The feature's realism, gratuitous special effects and complete lack of positioning that these activities are repugnant mean that the publication as a whole promotes and supports sexual violence, torture, and the infliction of extreme cruelty and violence.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the use of violence to compel a person to submit to sexual conduct, acts of torture and the infliction of extreme cruelty and violence.